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EDITORIALS

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS: PRIMARY, ON AUGUST 25th; FINAL, ON NOVEMBER 3d. THEIR SIGNIFICANCE TO MEDICINE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH

War Times do not Obliterate Civic Responsibilities.—Our Country being at war, there may be some physicians who would contend that state and local politics should have little or no place for consideration at this time. Such an attitude, however, does not make for efficient service in either war or civilian activities.

Since the placement of responsibilities and duties upon duly constituted agencies cannot be permitted to lapse even during periods of peace—because civilized nations must always carry on their lives in orderly fashion—it is increasingly important that under the stress and strain of existing warfare, careful thought be given concerning the capacity for service of those upon whom rests the responsibility for guidance of the State in these present days of peril.

Service with the armed forces has caused the withdrawal from civilian practice of many thousands of physicians (the allotment for California by the end of 1942 being not less than 2600 physicians in military service!); and it must be evident to all observers, that, once the war is over, it will take some years of readjustment to again bring back the practice of medicine to something of the form which existed before December 7, 1941. If the war continues for several years, as present circumstances would indicate, the conditions will be aggravated.

It is of great importance, therefore, that no laws be enacted that would add to present or imminent burdens. Or, to put it otherwise, that the interests of the public health and medical practice should not be jeopardized through ill-advised legislation at this time.

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Primary Election on August 25th and Final Election on November 3d.—This last statement may remind us of our obligations in the two state elections soon to be held—the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 25th, and the final State Election on Tuesday, November 3d. Every physician should be fully alert to his civic responsibilities, and particularly, acquaint himself with the names and backgrounds of candidates for the State Senate and State Assembly. It is the legislators who enact the laws; and the merit of the statutes which come out of the legislative hopper